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Honorable Glenn Poshard
U.S. House of Representatives
107 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-1319

Dear Congressman Poshard:

This is in response to your letter of August 25, 1993, regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). I am enclosing a copy of the descriptive portion of the Notice, along with two discussion papers. The reply comment period closed on July 30, 1993, and we are currently reviewing comments and beginning to consider various options. Bureau staff has met with trade and industry representatives. We believe we will be able to develop rules that assure safe operation of the model planes to the maximum extent possible and to meet the needs of both urban and rural Private Land Mobile Radio users. We hope to adopt final rules by early 1994.

Thank you for your interest. Your constituents' letters will be included in the formal record of this proceeding.

Sincerely,

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Joseph A. Levin
Chief, Policy and Planning Branch
Private Radio Bureau

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James H. Quello, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Quello:

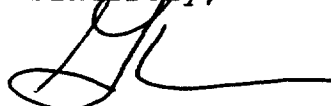
I am forwarding to you letters from constituents of my district, expressing their concerns over PR. Docket 92-235.

I ask that you give full consideration to the concerns of both rural emergency radio service providers, as well as, remote-controlled sport/hobby retailers and enthusiasts when addressing the proposed rule.

Please inform me of the current status of PR. 92-235. I would appreciate being advised of any major changes to the proposed rule. I would also appreciate knowing the final ruling on PR. 92-235, once it is available.

Thank you for your time regarding this issue. Please let me know if I may be of assistance to you and the FCC regarding this most important matter.

Sincerely,



Glenn Poshard
Member of Congress

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The Honorable Glenn Poshard
U. S. House of Reps
Washington, D.C. 20515

*Rec'd.
2/10/93
at
Town Meeting
in Mattoon
per*

February 10, 1993.

Dear Mr. Poshard

Representing the 79 members of the Mattoon Tri-County R/C Club and on behalf of a conservative estimate of over 1000 other hobbyists in district 19, I am asking for your help in a matter that is very important to radio controlled hobby activities in Illinois and across the nation. We are concerned about the proposed rule that is currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted the new rule will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for R/C model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability.

Our radio controlled frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio controlled frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

The Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) in PR Docket 92-235 replaces Part 90 of the rules with Part 88. Part 90 allows for safe use of R/C aircraft and surface models by keeping 10 KHz spacing between fixed commercial users and frequencies used by R/C enthusiasts. The new Part 88 will allow mobile users on frequencies within 2.5 KHz of frequencies available to us, eliminating safe use of at least 31 of the 50 channels on the 72 MHz band (for R/C aircraft) and 10 of the 30 frequencies on the 75 MHz band (for R/C cars and boats) now used by hobbyists. In fact, more channels will likely be affected.

When we operate our R/C models, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of radio frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies are diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

I don't think it is wise of the FCC to seek to expand the operation conditions of land mobile users at the expense of the radio controlled modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radio, but we have considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. It is a sizeable industry that must be saved from these detrimental FCC actions. The hobby provides many of hours of enjoyment to hundreds of thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of commercial aviation industry.

Please help us continue the safe enjoyment of our pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposal PR 92-235 for the 72-76 MHz band. We all need your help urgently because the FCC has a deadline of February 26, 1993 after which it may become more difficult to avoid halting these proposals from going into effect.

Sincerely
Bobby H. Barnd
President, Tri-County R/C Club
Bobby H. Barnd
134 Westview Drive
Mattoon, IL. 61938

(217) 235-4560

REPRESENTATIVE GLEN POSHARD
314 CANNON OFFICE BLDG.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

MAR 4 1993

MAR 22 1993

Dear Representative Poshard:

I am disabled and enjoy flying and building models. I have three thousand dollars in radio equipment that would be unusable because of this rule. Some of my models take as much as five hundred hours to build.

I belong to the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) Chartered radio controlled model airplane club #755. Our 71 member club enjoys constructing and operating radio controlled models.

We seek your assistance in preventing the implementation of the Federal Communications Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making (PR Docket 92-235). If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes. The radio equipment we presently use is state-of-art equipment. We have, just recently (1991), voluntarily upgraded our radio equipment in order to co-exist safely with the commercial users that now share the 72MHZ band with us. If this new law would pass, the ability to further upgrade our equipment in order to safely operate within the 2.5KHZ channel spacing is not possible with existing technology. Thirty-one of our present frequencies would become obsolete, since it would no longer be safe to operate them.

It is very unfair of the FCC to seek to improve the operation conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of the present users of the 72MHZ and 75MHZ bands. We ask your help and support in persuading the FCC to reconsider their thinking on the portion of PR Docket 92-235 that affects the hundreds of thousands of present users of the 72MHZ and 75MHZ bands.

Yours truly,



Pekin Radio Controlled Club

FEB 26 1993

2-22-93

The Honorable
Glenn Posner

re: PR Docket 92-235
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I urge you to vote down and defeat FCC proposed rule PR Docket 92-235. I am a hobbyist who has considerable investment in the radio range, of 72-75 MHz and I am very concerned that inserting transmitters in between our few frequencies will, for all intents and purposes, destroy our hobby. Investment aside, these are very enjoyable hours spent in model airplane construction during the long, cold winter days here in Illinois. Also, there is a real need for family oriented activities; much else is almost cost prohibitive.

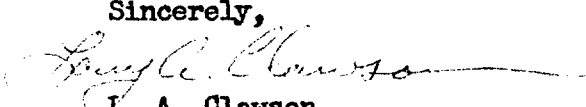
Our radio controlled transmitters only put out about 1/4 watt. The equipment to be inserted with insufficient separation are putting out about 3 to 4 watts.

Our equipment already exists and it seems that something which has not even been built yet could be on an area which would not interfere with our low powered equipment.

PLEASE vote down or by whatever means is necessary to defeat FCC proposed rule PR Docket 92-235.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


L. A. Clawson
2540 W. Hunt St.
Decatur, IL 62526-3357

V.P., Decatur Aero Modelers

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Dear Honorable Public Servant,

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The Proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If Adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

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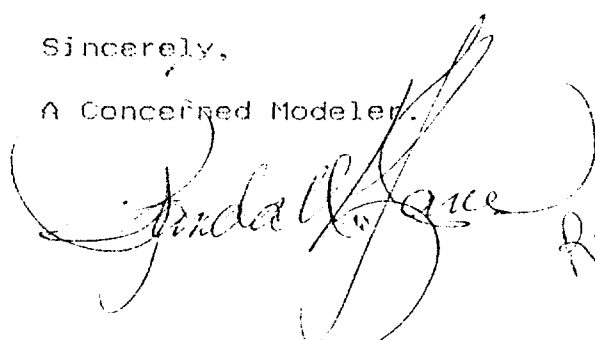
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I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve conditions of land mobil radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the ~~72-76~~ MHz band.

Sincerely,

A Concerned Modeler.



Randall Jones
804 N Oacok
Effingham

THE HONORABLE GLENN POSHARD

Dear MR GLENN POSHARD

MAY 3 1989

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Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,

Donald Glenn
1743 S. Fairview Ave. # 11
Decatur, IL 62521

Donald Glenn

MAR 2 1993

Feb. 20 - 1993
Ina, DEC. 62846

MAR 23 1993

Dear Sir

I am retired and enjoy many hours
of pleasure from building and flying
radio controlled models.

I urge you to vote against PR Docket 72-235.

This bill will put frequencies so close
that interference will occur and render
most of our model frequencies unusable.

Again, I ask you to please vote
against this bill.

Thanks for your concern in this
matter.

Sincerely

Ed Stevens

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Hon. Glen Gosland
House of Representatives
314 Cannon Office Bldg.
Washington D.C. 20515



FEBRUARY 22, 1993

MAR 1 1993

The Honorable Glenn Poshard
314 Cannon Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Poshard

I am an avid radio control enthusiast. I have been the hobby for ten years and have about \$3,000.00 invested in equipment. The proposed rule changes that the Federal Communications Commission are currently considering would make most of my radio equipment unsafe and unusable. The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235.

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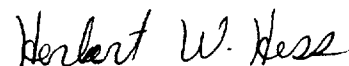
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So please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72 -75 MHz band.

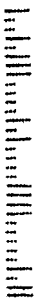
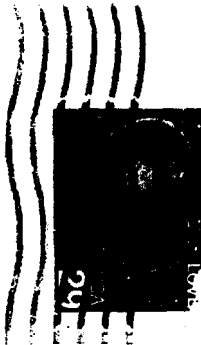
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Herbert W. Hess".

Herbert W. Hess



REP. GLENN ROSEN
314 CANNON OFFICE BLDG.
WASHINGTON, DC 20510



Congressman Jerry F. Costello
Received

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The Honorable Jerry Costello
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

APR 14 1993

February 1, 1993

RESPECTFULLY REFERRED
NOT ACKNOWLEDGED

Dear Mr. Costello,

It has recently come to my attention that the FCC is considering an action that will severely limit and possibly eliminate a well-established and important hobby in this country -- radio controlled (R/C) model airplanes, helicopters, cars and boats.


As a member of a nationally-affiliated local club, I am most concerned about the proposed rule under consideration by the FCC (PR Docket 92-235) which would allow mobile units access to frequencies within 2.5 KHz of those presently available to us. The way I understand it, this proposal would replace Part 90 of the current rules with a new Part 88. Part 90 allows for safe use of R/C aircraft and surface models by keeping a 10 KHz spacing between fixed commercial users and frequencies used by R/C hobbyists. Part 88 will allow mobile units to eliminate (for all practical purposes) at least 31 of the 50 channels on the 72 MHz band and 10 of the 30 frequencies on the 75 MHz band now used by hobbyists. In fact, more channels than these will likely be affected.

This action will have a devastating impact upon the entire R/C sport/hobby community, a group that has produced some of the outstanding leaders in aeronautical engineering, space exploration, and general aviation. Neil Armstrong, Robert "Hoot" Gibson, and Frank Borman are just a few such products of model aviation.

I urge you to reconsider keeping 10 KHz spacing between all frequencies on 75 MHz and 72 MHz bands, thereby insuring that one of our country's most enjoyable and educational hobbies will continue to exist.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


SKY SQUIRES R/C CLUB
AMA 859
MARION, IL. 62959

OUTLAW R/C HOBBY

309 South 21st Street Suite 7
Mattoon, Illinois 61932

FEB 01 1993

The Honorable Glen Poshard
U.S. House of Reps.
Washington, D.C. 20515

1-24-93

Dear Mr. Glen Poshard

I am a hobby retailer who sells many radios, radio-controlled models, and related products in my store. In addition, I sell model Rockets, Plastic model kits and other related hobby products. Radio Controlled models make up 90% of my sells

It has recently come to my attention that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) so considering an action that has the potential to destroy my business and that of thousands of other retailers nationwide like me. The proceeding is PR DOCKET 92-235. If adopted the new rule will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for R/C model use and increased the risk of accidents and attendant liability.

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PLEASE HELP ME CONTINUE MY BUSINESS WITHOUT INTERFERENCE BY NOT ALLOWING THE FCC TO CARRY OUT ITS PROPOSAL PR DOCKET 92-235 FOR THE 72-76 MHz BAND. WE NEED YOUR HELP URGENTLY BECAUSE THE FCC HAS A DEADLINE OF FEBRUARY 26, 1993 AFTER WHICH IT MAY BECOME MORE DIFFICULT TO AVOID THIS ECONOMIC MISTAKE.

Sincerely,

John Armstrong
John Armstrong
Owner of Outlaw R/C Hobby

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February 4, 1993

Glenn Poshard, U.S. Rep.
107 Cannon HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Poshard:

I have been building and flying model airplanes since 1965.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

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Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,



Richard L. Morgan, M.D.

THE HONORABLE
RICHARD DURBIN

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ACKNOWLEDGED

District

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Dear RICHARD DURBIN

I am very active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes. I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

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Decatur, IL 62521

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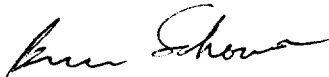
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The Honorable Glenn Poshard
107 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-1322

Dear Mr. Poshard,

I am an active radio control model flyer and I am concerned about PR docket 92-235 which if adopted would make my sport a danger to all persons in the vicinity of any model. The FCC wants to space the 72 - 76 mhz bands closer together, which in my opinion would cause more trouble than good for both the commercial users and the model flyers. I as well as many others like me have thousands of dollars invested in this sport and am opposed to the PR Docket 92-235.

Sincerely,



Bruce Schonert
627 W Main
Olney, IL 62450



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Feb. 3, 1993

The Honorable Glenn Poshard
U.S. House of Reps.
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Poshard;

I have been interested in aviation for over sixty years. I am active in a local club whose members build and fly radio controlled model airplanes.

I am concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission. The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for model airplanes.

The FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths. As a result the new frequencies will be so close to our present R.C. frequencies that it will render our present equipment useless. Some modelers might have withdraw from the hobby if they could not afford to buy new equipment. I realize you have many more serious problems to consider than what might happen to the model airplane hobby, but any help you can give us will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely

Monte Holl

rec'd 2/16/93

FEB 22 1993

Dear Honorable Public Servant,

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The Proceeding is PB Docket 92-265. If Adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

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Now the FCC wants to create more land mobil frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and re-arranging the band plan. As a result many land mobil frequencies will move closer to the radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

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Please understand that many model airplanes have wingspans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 30 or 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

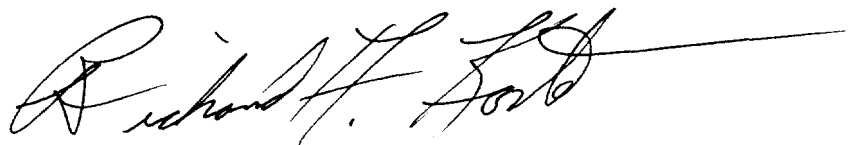
I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve conditions of land mobil radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radio, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,

A Concerned Modeler.

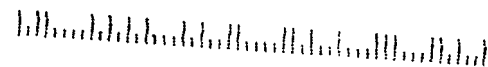
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The Honorable Glenn Poshard
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Dear Mr. Glenn Poshard,

I am Adam Allsopp, an 8th grade student at Ewing Northern Elementary. My dad, Bennie Allsopp, and I are avid modelers, and spend quality family time while flying model airplanes. My dad is the president of the Bend Lake R/C Club Inc., our local model airplane club. Modeling provides good clean entertainment for many people in our area. We patronize the local hobby shops.

I am concerned about proposed rules that are under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. The FCC is inserting new frequencies in narrower band widths in between the ones FCC has provided for us. Since these land mobile frequencies will be operating with much more power, and they will interfere with our radio frequencies. This will render 41 out of 50 of our frequencies useless. That means 3 out of our 6 radio systems will be useless. In those 3 radios alone we have invested \$750.

Please help me to continue my hobby and the hobbies of many other fellow modelers. Take appropriate action by not allowing the FCC to carry out its new frequency proposals.

Sincerely,
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Dear sir,

I am writing in concern of the proposed docket#92-235. if the F.C.C. approves of this it will have a profound impact on all remote control hobbyists and myself. The frequencies that would be used for other purposes can cause a jamming effect that not only will cause severe destruction to our models but can cause a major safety hazard as well. Most of us in the hobby have spent quite a lot of time and money building our models so that they not only look good but so that they fly well and in a safe manor. With the impending allotment of the frequencies that have the potential to "bleed"over into our frequencies it would be hard for us to know when we could be "shot down"by these stray signals. I realize that these signals might only be used in certain parts of the country however many of us travel extensively to participate in competition meets which would make it even harder to know if and when we will receive these stray signals. I might add that at these contests there are always many other R.C.pilots and bystanders who could be maimed or killed by an R.C.plane that the pilot cannot control due to his radio being jammed. During the past 10 years our suppliers have upgraded the equipment from "wide band" to what is called silver sticker units and in the last 3 years all A.M.A sanctioned events require that the radios have a gold band sticker which is the narrowest band available. At this time most everyone in this hobby uses these super narrow band radios and receivers. Still with these very narrow band units we are not running much wattage and due to this the stronger signals from high power towers have the ability to overpower our units. We are not concerned with wanting more power for our units as you can only fly these planes as far as you can see them. Our main concern is to keep them from outside interference.

Most R.C.planes have a starting weight of 3 1/2 pounds and many as high as 35 to 40 pounds. These can obtain a very high speed coming straight down "which is what they normally do when the signal is jammed". Under these circumstances they can become very deadly instruments.I might add that the fuel supplies for these planes will normally keep them up for between 20 to 45 minutes with most of them flying between 45 to 75 miles per hour and

some of the pylon racers running over 180 m.p.h. If these should get out of control anyone within 10 to 20 miles of the flying sight would be in danger.

The A.M.A. has very strict rules for us to follow due to the potential of danger from carelessness or whatever and our club as well as most others have their own rules that are even more strict concerning safety. Most all of the people in this hobby will tell you that the number one thing that is constantly on our mind is safe flying so as not to cause harm to anyone or our planes. For this reason I would expect that I am not the only one writing to you about this. Thank you for your time and consideration and I do hope that we can keep our flying areas safe.

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